



Susie Kocourek (Bis-Man Chamber), Pete Deichert (Twin City Implement), Margaret Kiefer (Farm & Ranch Guide), and Loretta Halverson (Area 4 Soil Conservation Districts) register over 300 Friends & Neighbors before the early rains cut attendance short on July 20th.



The children's activities are always a hit at Friends & Neighbors Day





Community groups, exhibitors from research organizations throughout the region, and many of the over 60 sponsors enjoy the opportunity to visit with Friends & Neighbors at the annual event.



Dr. Mark Liebig shares the basics of greenhouse gas flux, carbon sequestration, and on-going research at the Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory.





Dale Enerson of North Dakota Farmers Union presents information on the new NDFU Carbon Trading program. Values used in the program are based on research from the Mandan USDA laboratory.



Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes discusses supplementing energy to extend grazing on native range.



Dr. Don Tanaka discusses an integrated approach to crop livestock systems as the clouds darken.



"Mr. Safety" Larry Renner and Lab Director Jon Hanson monitor the radar to make decisions quickly should the weather turn violent.



The rains came! The bigger the outdoor party planned, the greater the likelihood of turning a 20% chance of precipitation into a slow, all-day third inch of rain



Cooks from Dakota Community Bank, Philom Bios Company, North Dakota Dry Pea & Lentil, and NDSU Extension moved under the tent and kept on grilling.

The barbecue was served in the NGPRL Annex.





NGPRL staff moved quickly to bring 400 chairs into the vehicle barn for our Friends & Neighbors



Ryan Jundt, local signer and songwriter, entertained the Friends & Neighbors as the 'Raindrops Kept Falling on Our Heads!'





The largest rainfall event in 12 months (since the July 21, 2005 Friends & Neighbors Day).

The annual USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory Friends & Neighbors Day is rapidly becoming famous as the one day that farmers and ranchers can depend on rain. Many Friends & Neighbors have now requested the lab hold more major activities (and bring them to their farm and ranches!).

